



[Town of Grafton MA] Village at Institute road

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To: planningdept@grafton-ma.gov

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 8:07 PM

Hello Planning Department,

Jeffrey smith (jeffsmith@charter.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<http://www.grafton-ma.gov/user/14766/contact>) at Town of Grafton MA.

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Message:

I am writing this letter concerning the public meeting I sat in on the 28th of November about Institute road. I attend the meeting only for curiosity reasons surrounding the project and wasn't inclined to speak on any part of the project, however as time passes the more frustrated I become with how Institute road is going to be demolished from a beautiful scenic road, one that so picturesquely describes a nice New England town to one that more suits a subdivision. Growing up in Grafton and seeing the town from a wooded area with open fields and farms to subdivisions popping up in every place imaginable has always been something slightly bothersome, but a fact of life. The need for changing the road only seems to suit the needs of the subdivision and doesn't take into account how anyone that lives in the area feels about the road, with the subdivision being situated in such a place I can't imagine too many abutters were notified of the subdivision. There being a right turn only lane at the rt 30 seems to be quite ridiculous because anyone that takes Institute knows that 90% of turns will be to the right and the only reason to take a left turn there would be to access rt 140 otherwise one would continue to the end of East st to access anything that end of town. Institute road is a back road. Back roads have dips, hills, and turns this topography slows down drivers and adds to the scenic value of this town. The builder proposed cutting the hill down and straightening the road. There is no reason for this accept to further please the subdivisions needs. The roads should be kept as is without any further alteration. Lastly the builder spoke of a sidewalk that began at the subdivision entrance and stopped in the middle of nowhere further adding to the defacement of the road, if a sidewalk is added it should run from one entrance to the other without stopping. If the road must be torn apart and made into a cookie cutter side road made for a subdivision at least there needs to be a full repaving effort done so that it isn't left torn up by the builders and subject to frost heaves.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.
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Ann Morgan <morgana@grafton-ma.gov>
To: jeffsmith@charter.net
Cc: Planning Department <planningdept@grafton-ma.gov>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 10:03 AM

Dear Mr. Smith -

Thank you for submitting comments on the "Village at Institute Road" project. Did you want your comments entered into the public record for this project? If so we would send the Board a copy, post it on the Town's website and enter it into the file. If not then the Planning Department staff will take your comments under advisement.

Let me know what you would like to do.

Thank you.

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To: Ann Morgan <morgana@grafton-ma.gov>
Cc: Planning Department <planningdept@grafton-ma.gov>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 11:58 AM

Yes, I would like it entered into public record.
Thank you

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Ann Morgan <morgana@grafton-ma.gov>
To: Jeff Smith <jeffsmith@charter.net>

Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 12:32 PM

Thanks and I'll post to the record.

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